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Election

Dear Examiner Wilson:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2000, Applicant elects
continuing examination on the basis of Group I with traversal.

The grounds for the traversal are as follows:

The requirement to elect is based on PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2.

However, the present application is a Continuation of the PCT Application, not
the PCT application itself.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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